GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:85
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Population Growth
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

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(a) whether India is set to become the most populous country of the world by the year 2024 and if so, the details thereof;
(b) the steps being taken by the Government to provide basic facilities such as health, employment and nurture such huge population in order to solve numerous problems that are likely to crop up as a result thereof;
(c) the details of the schemes and programmes being run by the Government to control the growth rate of population; and
(d) whether the Government is considering to provide benefits in education, employment etc. to encourage single child norm in the country and if so, the details thereof?

Answer

ANSWER
THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
(SHRI JAGAT PRAKASH NADDA)

(a) to (d) : A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO LOK SABHA
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[a]: As per Registrar General of India, the projected population of India, based on Census 2001, as on 1st March for the year 2024, would be 1,37,74,42,000. As per National Population Policy 2000, the long term objective is to achieve stable population by 2045.
[b]: The Government is expanding health infrastructure and human resources, besides bringing in new interventions to increase the accessibility to health services. There are also many schemes for generating new employment opportunities to cater to the needs of increasing population. (Annexure I)
[c]: The details of the schemes and programmes being run by the government to control the growth rate of population are placed at Annexure II.
[d]: No. The government does not have such a proposal, at present, to provide benefits in education, employment etc. to encourage single child norm since India is a signatory to the ICPD (International Conference on Population and Development) declaration of 1994 which unequivocally advocates target free approach and honouring of reproductive rights of couples to decide freely and responsibly the number and spacing of their children.